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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA PORTE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of La Porte met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 6:00 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Commissioners present: Chairman Hal Lawler; Commissioners Donna O'Conner; Joe Mock; Mark Follis; Victor Peres; Nancy Ojeda; and Richard Warren.

Commissioners absent: Commissioners James Walter and Nolan Allen.

City Staff present: Ian Clowes, City Planner; Clayton Price, Planning Technician; Teresa Evans, Planning and Development Director; Matt Daeumer, Assistant City Manager.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Lawler called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
- 2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Commissioners Walter, Allen, Follis and Peres were absent (Commissioner Follis arrived at 6:03 PM and Commissioner Peres arrived at 6:17 PM).
- 3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2022.

Commissioner Follis arrived at 6:03 PM.

<u>Commissioner O'Conner moved to approve the meeting minutes; the motion was adopted, 6-0. Commissioner Peres was not present for the vote.</u>

4. COMMERCIAL REPLAT #22-97000007: Consider approval of a partial replat of Fairmont Park East Business Park Reserves, a commercial replat consisting of 1.872-acres, located at 10505 W. Fairmont Pkwy. and legally described as Reserves 4 and 5, Fairmont Park East Business Park, Harris County, Texas.

City Planner lan Clowes presented the request and provided background information.

Commissioner O'Conner moved to approve Commercial Replat #22-97000007 as presented; the motion was adopted 6-0 and the item was approved. Commissioner Peres was not present for the vote.

5. CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) AMENDMENTS: The Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive input on an ordinance amending Chapter 106 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte, Texas, regarding changes to notification requirements and procedures for public hearings held before the La Porte Planning and Zoning Commission and La Porte Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The hearing was opened at 6:07 PM. City Planner Ian Clowes presented the amendment and provided background information, explaining that the item had been remanded back to the Commission by City Council for additional review.

Assistant City Attorney Askins provided legal advice regarding possible options for any proposed amendment.

Commissioner Peres arrived at 6:17 PM.

The Commission discussed the merits of extending the notification boundary.

6. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: 6:30 PM.

Commissioner Follis made a motion to increase the notification distance requirement from 200' to 300'; the motion was adopted, 7-0, and the item was recommended for approval.

7. CHAPTER 106 (ZONING) AMENDMENTS: The Commission will hold a Public Hearing to receive input on an ordinance amending Chapter 106 "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Porte regarding the removal of W. D St. from the High Frequency Truck Route.

The hearing was opened at 6:32 PM. City Planner Ian Clowes presented the item, explaining that the City Council had remanded the item back to the Commission after a number of Councilmembers voiced concerns with extending the High Frequency Truck Route (HFTR) along W. D St.

The Commission discussed the merits of keeping W. D St. on the HFTR.

Commissioner Follis provided background information on the history of the HFTR.

8. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: 6:55 PM.

Commissioner Peres made a motion to recommend denial of the request to remove W. D St. from the HFTR; the motion was adopted, 7-0, and the item was recommended for denial.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Council Action Update

<u>City Planner Ian Clowes provided an update on items heard by the Commission that had gone before the City Council for final action.</u>

b. Comprehensive Plan Update

<u>Director Teresa Evans provided an update on recent activities for the Comprehensive Plan.</u>

c. Next Regular Meeting - MARCH 16, 2023

ADJOURN: Commissioner O' Conner made the motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM; the motion was adopted 7-0.

Ian Clowes, City Planner